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FOREWORD

This Compliance Assurance Response Policy (“CARP”) has been developed by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (“DES”) in order to identify in general terms (not specific to any given program), the range of actions available to DES when addressing violations of environmental laws. This CARP also discusses the process by which DES will determine which response is appropriate in any given situation.

In any regulatory program, enforcement discretion is the key to ensuring that all of the circumstances of a case can be taken into account when resolving the case. Thus, this CARP is intended solely as guidance to DES personnel for use when evaluating how to address violations. This CARP does not represent final DES action, is not binding on any person, and cannot be relied upon to create any rights enforceable by any person.

DES intends this CARP to be responsive to the changing needs of New Hampshire environmental policy. While DES will endeavor to solicit input from stakeholders when making revisions, DES reserves the right to revise this CARP at any time without advance public notice. DES is publishing this CARP in loose-leaf format in order to facilitate future revisions. Each page bears the edition date as well as the page number; an index will be provided with each revision so that the user can ensure that the most recent version is used.

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